

In addition to the usual annoying dinner times calls, we were recently "victimized" by advertising sent via Fax. We do not have a fax machine at home, so the sender's fax, set for auto redial, began calling around 10 pm. Calls were logged every 5 min. or so, thus we took our phone off the hook. The following evening, the calls began at 2 am! I turned on the computer so CallWave would show the offender's phone number. The next morning I contacted our phone company, who in turn contacted the company to request removal of our phone #. Had we not had Callwave service, we would have remained at the mercy of the fax sender.

My 86-yr-old mother lives with us. In addition to sleep disturbances, she reports that while we are at work, she sometimes receives us to 10 solicitation phone calls per day (sometimes computer calls). It is very difficult for her to get to the phone due to rheumatoid arthritis.

The telemarketers do not CARE about the health and happiness of the people they are calling. We always say "remove us from your calling list" yet the calls persist. We think telemarketing should be permanently banned. If a company has an offer, let them send literature and give people a chance to look over what they have to offer instead of intruding via the phone. Calls between 5-9 pm take away from family time together.